

CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled) A support assembly for a horizontally-extending member, said support assembly including a pair of support devices, each support device having a leg with a lower end engageable with the ground and an upper end carrying a retainer for retaining the horizontally-extending member in position, and securing means operable to secure the legs of the support devices together with the legs diverging downwardly from and laterally of the horizontally-extending member in a member supporting configuration.
2. (Amended) A support assembly according to claim 8 wherein the legs also diverge downwardly from and longitudinally of the horizontal-extending member to provide increased longitudinal stability.
3. (Cancelled) A support assembly according to claim 1 where each retainer has a horizontally extending rectangular aperture for slidably receiving a horizontally extending member of corresponding rectangular section.
4. (Amended) A support assembly according to Claim 8 wherein the securing means comprises a nut and bolt.
5. (Amended) A support assembly according to Claim 8 wherein the legs are of adjustable length.
6. (Amended) A fence comprising two support assemblies in accordance with claim 8 and two horizontally-extending members each supported by a respective support assembly and also including a hinge which connects adjacent ends of the two horizontally-extending members for relative movement about a vertical access.
7. (Amended) A fence comprising two support assemblies in accordance with claim 8 and two horizontally-extending members each supported by a respective support assembly and also including an in-line connector which rigidly connects adjacent ends of the two horizontally-extending members in a linear manner.

8. (New) A support assembly for a horizontally-extending member of rectangular section, said support assembly including a pair of support devices, each support device having a leg with a lower end engageable with the ground and an upper end carrying a retainer with a rectangular aperture for slidably receiving in a horizontal direction a horizontally-extending member of corresponding rectangular section to retain the horizontally-extending member in position, and securing means operable to secure the legs of the support device together whereby the rectangular shape of the horizontally-extending member and the retainer aperture serve in use to retain the legs in a position with the legs diverging downwardly from and laterally of the horizontally-extending member in a member supporting configuration.
9. (New) A support assembly and a horizontally-extending member of rectangular section supported thereby, said support assembly including a pair support devices, each support device having a leg with a lower end in engagement with the ground and an upper end carrying a retainer with a rectangular aperture slidably receiving the horizontally-extending member of corresponding rectangular section and retaining the horizontally-extending member in position, and securing means securing the legs of the support devices together, the rectangular shape of the horizontally-extending member and the rectangular aperture retaining the legs in position with the legs diverging downwardly from and laterally of the horizontally-extending member in a member supporting configuration.